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AGUINALDO KEPT ON THE RUN

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THEIR UNION IMPOSSIBLE

The Rebel Chief Will Never Command Another Considerable Force at One Time.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila, says:

The general opinion here is that Aguinaldo's army will never again come together in any considerable force with him in command.

The forces under General Lawton and General Young are following so rapidly on his heels into Dayombong that no insurgent capital can again be established.

Captain James C. Castner, of the Fourth Infantry, with Lowe's scouts, is making forced marches through the mountains near San Nicholas north. General Young, with his cavalry and the Macabees is moving rapidly from Aringay through difficult passes to Trinidad. They are close on Aguinaldo's small party. A third advance is being made on the road toward Vigan on the coast.

With Aguinaldo's personal army disposed of, the only insurgent forces left intact are possibly the Muscardos, about 1600 in number, in the mountains west of the railroad; Pio Pilar's two thousand men, who are east of Manila in the mountains near Antipalo and General Trias' force, of about 2000 in Cavite province.

The military problems now facing us are easy of settlement except in the case of Pilar, who cannot easily be surrounded. All our troops in the north are living off the country.

These remarkable marches and our rapid advances everywhere is temporarily prostrating a large percentage of our men. General Lawton desires extra troops, in order to control the avenues of escape.

TO STAND AT MATIPO.

Insurgents Imagine They Can Hold It Against American Advance.

MANILA, Nov. 23, 1:25 p. m.—The insurgents from the north and concentrating at Montalban and San Mateo, where it is expected they will make resistance to the American advance. The Spaniards never occupied these places and the insurgents believe them to be impregnable.

A reconnaissance to the northwest of San Mateo on Tuesday developed the fact that the rebels were moving stores and men to Montalban. The number of the insurgents is unknown.

A reconnaissance made yesterday showed that two hundred rebels are entrenched at San Mateo and others in the valley between there and Marquina, where the rebel outposts are stationed.

General Young entered San Mateo last September and found the place not especially adapted for a strong resistance.

SHIRKING DUTY.

Soldiers in Philippines Resorting to Infliction of self-Wounds.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Self inflicted wounds are so frequent in the American army in Luzon, avers the Washington correspondent to the Herald, that General Otis has been compelled to issue instructions directing that a strict investigation be made of each case of this character in order that proper action may be taken.

The immediate effect of these instructions was the issuance of orders by General Wheeler then at Angeles, organizing boards for the investigation of two cases. One of the boards, consisting of First Lieutenant Coolidge, First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon F. W. Pinkham and First Lieutenant J. C. Welborn, will investigate the case of Sergeant D. H. Barr, company M, Ninth Infantry and another consisting of Major James Regan, First Lieutenant F. W. Koehler, and First Lieutenant Connell, Ninth Infantry, will inquire into the case of James A. Hart, company A, Ninth Infantry. The results of the investigation have not been received at the department.

Issuance of General Otis' instructions and the organization of the boards are the result of this communication addressed to the adjutant general, de-

partment of the Pacific, by the chief surgeon: "Self inflicted wounds of the hands and respectively of the feet, claimed to be accidental, usually occurring on outposts, are so frequent that I have the honor to suggest that all such cases be carefully investigated by the board of survey similar to that called in cases of desertion to determine the circumstances under which they actually occurred.

All of these men became disabled for military duty with usually a minimum amount of maiming for civil occupation and thus securing discharge."

IRON TRADE MORE QUIET

WILL GET FAR BEHIND

Twenty Thousand Tons of Steel Rails Ordered for Japan—Large Rail Orders at Home.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Discussing the condition of the iron and metal trades the Iron Age today says:

After a long period of the most intense activity the iron markets have quieted down considerably. This is usual at this season of the year. In fact, it has come later than we have been accustomed to. While this is a matter of annual recurrence, this year, the special circumstances is added that in the majority of the different branches the product is engaged for many months to come, running in some lines far into the second half of next year. Many producers are still so far behind in their deliveries that a quieter spell is welcomed as a relief. In some branches it will require intense activity during the whole of the usually dull period to work off the long delayed orders and the contracts at hand for future delivery.

In raw materials the situation has changed little. The coke production for next year has been fully contracted for and apparently the requirements have not been entirely covered, since a sharp advance over recent contract prices has been realized. The ore sit-

uation is unchanged, the association not having opened its books as yet for the next season.

Bessemer pig in the Central West remains very firm but only a moderate business has been done. There are indications from the fact that inquiries are in the market from large consuming interests, that the present scarcity will continue for all the first half of next year. Western firms have bought round lots in eastern territory to cover sales made earlier in the year of western pig for western delivery.

Steel is very quiet at \$35-\$36 for billets in the Central West for delivery during the first half of 1900 is the prevailing quotation. There has been a readjustment too, in the prices of basic open hearth billets. It does not appear that buyers are taking hold very vigorously at these prices, which represent a readjustment after the high prices for small lots for quick delivery, which necessarily wore the basis of all recent quotations. The market for muck bars has continued easy. This is principally due to the fact that leading buyers of skip are not placing orders for skip so that the mills are seeking relief by marketing their iron in the form of muck bars.

In nearly the whole line of finished iron and steel the markets are quiet, few orders are being entered. In some branches, like in structural material, this is causing no pressure whatever. In others, however, like in plates, sheets, bars, skelp, etc., some mills are seeking time and trying to encourage sales by concessions from the recent prices for prompt delivery. What quantities are being taken by the railroads interested is well illustrated by the fact that one mill recently received an order for 33,000 car axles, which represents about 8,500 tons. The report is current that a lot of 20,000 tons of steel rails has been sold for shipment to Japan.

The only recent movement in the matter of imports has been that in old material. Some lots of foreign and old rails have been marketed.

KANSAS TROOP QUARRELS.

Funston and His Charges Still Occupying Good Newspaper Space. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The Examiner says: The accusation that Colonel Wilder S. Metcalf, of the Twentieth Kansas regiment, deliberately killed an unarm-

ed Filipino prisoner during the Philippine campaign has resulted in the disclosure that two surrendered Filipinos were shot by Kansas men at Caloocan: that a war department investigation was held and that the men involved, including Captains Bishop of company M and Flanders of company I, were exculpated from blame.

General Frederick Funston, who has been a staunch defender of Colonel Metcalf, reiterates his charge that five officers of the Kansas regiment were guilty of cowardice during the fighting from Manila to San Fernando. The Kansas general announced that in his opinion former Lieutenant W. A. Callahan, of company G, is one of those men.

From Topeka, Kans., comes an affidavit from Private Donald Thorn, of the Twentieth Kansas, in which he swears that he saw Captain Bishop of company M, fire three shots into the bodies of two prisoners one of whom was wounded, who were lying helpless on the ground in the rear of the American firing line.



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